

STEM Action Center Board Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2019 • 11:00 am

STEM Action Center: 60 East South Temple, Suite 850, Salt Lake City

Members Present: Mark Ripke, Brian Verwer, Eric Pope, Michelle Shin, Dee Knight, Brian Parker

Members Absent: Jason Maestri, Joseph Spence, Michael Grooms, Brad Schafer

Staff: Tami Goetz, Sue Redington, Allison Spencer, Melanie Shepherd, David Wicai.

I. Welcome and Related Business

Brian Verwer welcomed everyone.

Brian Verwer talked about the \$2,000 donation for West High School – Switzerland competition. Allison Spencer showed pictures and thanked the board. Tami Goetz commented that other companies could support Utah kids. Brian Verwer commented that we need to not open the flood gates or we may get a ton of requests.

Dee Knight asked how to answer when asked about how to apply. Allison Spencer commented to direct people to our grant opportunities on our website.

II. Board Discussion

- Sue Redington commented that STEM has had requests to cover AP testing fees for lower income student population. Tami Goetz asked the board how they felt about the AP fees. Brian Verwer and Mark Ripke both commented that it is sad that these lower income students don't have this opportunity. Dee Knight asked if there is a fee waiver for those lower income students to pay for the AP fees. Tami Goetz commented we would check into this further.
- Allison Spencer showed the STEM AC jackets and said we would send them a link to the jackets.
- Mark Ripke commented that a check presentation for \$50,000 will be coming up for an air quality project. It will take place October 30th at 2:00 pm followed by a tour from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Tami Goetz gave an explanation of the project. Allison Spencer commented that if you are coming to Boeing for the check presentation and tour, please wear closed toed shoes.
- Sue Redington gave a re-cap of STEM Fest. Eric Pope commented that he heard good things about STEM Fest. Dee Knight also commented that she heard good things about STEM Fest. Allison thanked the board for all their support.
- Allison Spencer talked about the Entrepreneurship Challenge coming up at the end of April. Recursion is planning to host again this year. Tami Goetz asked for suggestions of

how to get participation in this upcoming event. Dee Knight commented she could help get the word out. Dee Knight asked if there is anyone on the congressional side that would be interested in being in a video or something. Allison Spencer will send the video of the night to Michelle Shin and get information to Dee Knight to have Comcast make a video for this Year 2.

- Tami Goetz commented that she is working on the annual report.
- Sue Redington commented that we are finalizing the lease on our new space. It will have over 2,000 sq. feet of maker space. Allison Spencer commented that Brian Parker has been helping with everything pro-bono for the new space.
- Tami Goetz talked about donations for our maker space (Steve Jacobson would like to donate some of their devices for our museum part of the new space). Jacobson Innovation has committed employees to help with the maker space on Saturdays. Michelle Shin asked if we could send out a list of equipment we need in the maker space (she has some partners interested in helping).
- Tami Goetz commented that AutoCon may be occupying space in the new building. Allison asked anyone who may have connections to furnish our new space to let her know. Tami Goetz commented that we plan to move into the new space in June 2020.
- Tami Goetz commented that CSforALL will take place next week. She gave an overview of the event and invited everyone to the Monday night reception.
- Michelle Shin commented she does not have enough knowledge to know how to support students after they are out of school (Northern Utah manufacturing companies have been talking to her about this). Tami Goetz commented she would be happy to meet with these companies.
- Mark Ripke asked how the outcome study that they are funding is coming along. Tami Goetz commented that we have the data, we just need to sort through it. Mark asked how the data connects directly to STEM Action Center. Tami Goetz commented she will talk with Clarence Ames to get answers for Mark Ripke.

III. Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 pm